

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-18

Key Verse: 2

Discussion Questions

- *Why is mastery of our speech important for sanctification?*
- *How can we develop our inner attitude that brings forth good speech?*

Inductive Questions

1. What extra responsibility and accountability do teachers have with their words? (1) Why should we aim at mastery of the tongue? (2) How does the tongue give a disproportionate amount of influence to its size? (3-5) How is an “untamed tongue” a “world of evil” and “poison”? (6)
2. Why is the tongue virtually impossible to tame? (7-8) How does James show that the activity of the tongue contradictory? (9-12) What hope is there when we tame the tongue? (Pr 10:11) How can our words to people be consistent with our praise to God?
3. How can real wisdom be shown? (Mt 11:19) What does James expose as the real reason for boasting? (14) How does James contrast heavenly wisdom from earthly wisdom? (16-18)